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NOTES FOR DDCI

21 December 1963

1. I understand you asked Kirk what Christmas arrangements were being made for the waiters in the dining room. Kirk's view on this (and I concur) is that nothing special is required. He considers their salaries to be extremely good for the work they do. In the past, cash has been collected to be distributed among the waiters. Kirk thinks it had turned into an abuse.

2. Bannerman has noted an article in the January '64 edition of Argosy which covers a mysterious disappearance of Amelia Earhart in Saipan. Author paid a visit to Saipan in 1960 and '61 and describes the CIA training unit which was then located there. The author calls it a "spy school" and identified [redacted] who was then COS Saipan. Bannerman wanted you to know that this article could identify [redacted] in the Williamsburg area as being a CIA man. This is somewhat tempered by the fact that it is well known in the Williamsburg area that [redacted] was once stationed on Saipan.

3. Dick Helms has passed along a memo to him from Jim Critchfield which describes "excessive cable reporting" from our stations in [redacted] in November during the political restlessness. Jim points out that he has not elected to have the stations cut down in this reporting because their frequent cables are valuable in producing immediate estimates. Jim has sent a letter to station chiefs in the near East instructing them to begin a cutback in cabling and by the time the letter is received in the field, this situation should be pretty well straightened out.

4. In a memo to DCI, Cord Meyer says George Meany is anxious to meet with DCI on the many projects on which we have AFL-CIO cooperation. Meany would like to meet DCI every six weeks or so.

5. O/DCI advises that Brockway McMillan will be out of Washington from 22 - 30 December. We have an address where he can be reached.

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